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NEWS SUMMARY

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Menominee, Michigan Man Charged With Child Enticement

James L. Santelle, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced today that a federal grand jury had returned a two-count indictment charging Nathan J. Schei (age 32) of Menominee, Michigan, with attempted child enticement and traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

Count One alleges that Schei used a computer to attempt to have sexual contact and sexual intercourse with an individual he believed to be a fifteen (15) year-old female. If convicted of this offense, Schei would face a maximum of life and a mandatory minimum term of ten years' imprisonment. He also would face a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to a life term of supervised release.

Count Two alleges that on March 12, 2010, Schei traveled from Menominee, Michigan, to Suamico, Wisconsin, for the purpose of engaging in a sexual act with a minor. If convicted of this offense, Schei would face up to 60 years' imprisonment. He also would face a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to a life term of supervised release.

According to court records, Schei was a registered sex offender in the State of Michigan at the time of the alleged offenses.

The case was the result of a joint investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Marinette, Wisconsin, and Menominee, Michigan police departments. Assistance was also provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Assistant United States Attorney William Roach has been assigned to prosecute this case.

According to United States Attorney Santelle, "The Department of Justice has made the protection of our nation's children a top priority through Project Safe Childhood, and prosecutions such as this further that priority." He added: "The message from this case is that those involved in the enticement of children, via the computer, and those who travel for the purpose of meeting with a child for purposes of committing a sexual act will be prosecuted and will face real time in federal prison."

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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